

*Abstract*  
SUMMARY

The invention relates to a method for personalization of GSM chips. At least one subscriber identification character (TMSI) and a card number (ICCID) are stored in the memory area of said chips in addition to a secret key (KI) and other optional data for personalization purposes. The invention aims to eliminate an unnecessarily high degree of complexity linked to management of all card data in an authentication centre (AC) and to preserve secret chip data in a more secure manner. According to the invention, final data is only written on the chip when the subscriber logs into a subscriber network. One advantage is that only initial data is written into the card enabling the customer to contact the computer centre of the information provider. During first contact the final data is traded between the card and the computer centre and written into the card. The computer centre is simply required to manage cards which have really been issued to customers.